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September 24, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Mr. Casey:

President Ronald Reagan has declared that government financed and sponsored international terrorism financed and sponsored international war.

Weapons which our government sold to the government of Saudi Arabia were found in the store-rooms of the PLO in Lebanon. They were used by the terrorists to destroy the government of Lebanon.

The Arabic word for war is jihad. All governments who have declared a jihad against the United States are our enemies. They are arming themselves for a possible world war.

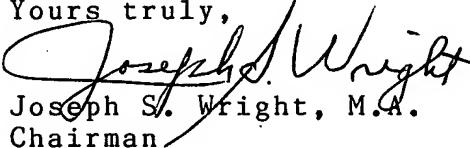
When World War III will start, it will be started by governments that are at war with Israel and in a jihad against the United States.

The world's biggest arms buildup is among governments that are in a declared war against Israel and in a jihad against the United States.

The government of Jordan is on record that it is at war against Israel and in a jihad against the United States and will use all the weapons it bought from the United States when the shooting begins again.

Let us do what we can to save our American soldiers and our Israeli friends from being killed by American-made weapons!

Yours truly,


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Time to Speak Up

The World's Biggest Arms Buildup

by Chaim Herzog

This article is excerpted from the speech delivered at the Anti-Defamation League's 65th anniversary dinner in New York by Mr. Herzog shortly before the end of his three-year assignment as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.



The massive arms transactions consummated by Arab states during the current year exceed all previous records — and there seems to be no end in sight. Orders placed since 1977 for arms to be supplied by 1980 amount to \$35 billion so far, of which \$24 billion has been expended by Saudi Arabia alone. Indeed, Saudi military orders, even without the recent purchase of F-15's from the United States, exceed all United States arms sales to Israel since 1949.

The sheer volume of these transactions should be a source of concern not only to Israel. Projections indicate that the Saudi arms orders to 1980 could supply the armies of the entire

African continent, as well as a majority of the NATO forces — France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and the Netherlands. The ten-fold expansion of Saudi military capability since 1972 makes that country, with a population of only six million, the largest single arms buyer in the world today.

The Arab states now have half a million more men under arms and three times the artillery of the combined NATO forces. They also have 3,000 more tanks and several hundred more aircraft than NATO. The Eastern Front alone — Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — is currently equivalent to NATO in manpower and tanks, and already has twice as much artillery. And by 1980, the air power of the Arab states will equal the combined Warsaw Pact forces, constitute double the air power of NATO and three times that of the People's Republic of China. In terms of ground forces, the Arab states have almost as many tanks and more artillery than the United States.

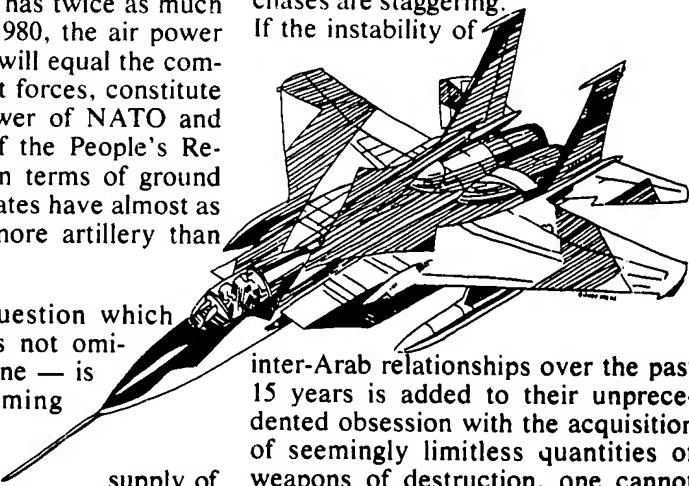
The ominous question which arises — and it is not ominous for Israel alone — is what are they arming themselves for?

I discussed the supply of arms in an address before the General Assembly's special session on disarmament. It is sobering to reflect that the facts I presented

came as a surprise and created a stir. My revelations about Saudi Arabia's arms purchases in France — including some of the most sophisticated weapons in the world and the Mirage 2000 — were denied, but then reports published in Egypt proved I was not so wrong. The facts contrast sharply with the picture put forth of a defenseless Saudi Arabia in need of arms because it is concerned with 36 antiquated MIG-19's in the hands of Communist-guided Southern Yemen, planes which have been there since approximately 1970.

From every perspective — regional, global, economic — the figures for Arab states arms purchases are staggering.

If the instability of



inter-Arab relationships over the past 15 years is added to their unprecedented obsession with the acquisition of seemingly limitless quantities of weapons of destruction, one cannot escape the conclusion that the world must be consciously deluding itself into ignoring a situation fraught with the gravest dangers for mankind.

Terrorism And The Current Mid-East Situation

By RAY SAIDEL
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United States Responsibility For Today's Terrorism Second Of A Three Part Series

How could this disaster in Iran come about? One thing is simply a question of intelligence not necessarily of information; that is that prior to the Iranian take over the United States government (along with some other governments) was involved in a steady policy of appeasement towards the PLO. What do I mean by appeasement? I mean they were going to give them what they wanted, they were in the process of legitimizing them, of explaining away their terrorist acts; not only the government but the media did this. The media which never hesitates to talk about Puerto Rican "terrorists" killing Americans or IRA "terrorists" killing Lord Mountbatten, for some reason when it came to the PLO talked about PLO commandos, PLO guerilla bases. As you have written, these are not guerilla bases, guerillas go out and attack the military of the enemy; there is not a recorded case since the founding of the PLO in 1964 of any such attack. Occasionally the PLO resists when confronted by the Israeli military but they have never gone out to attack them. Their sole target is civilians — especially women and children. Now, if you legitimize a group, if you show other groups "my goodness! crime pays! Terrorism pays! Look at Arafat! Look what he's done! He's put the Palestinian people on the map!.. Other people don't ignore this. The Basque terrorists don't ignore this. When Spain invited Arafat — the very next week the foreign minister was abducted by Basque terrorists who took heart from the fact that Arafat had received such a welcome. When Portugal permitted a PLO meeting there, the next week there was a terrorist attack on the Israeli ambassador. If a PLO state were set up, far from being the end of the matter, far from pacifying the region, there would be waves of terrorism all over the world including and perhaps above all — in America. Puerto Rican terrorists — what will they think if Arafat succeeds and succeeds thru the sole means of terrorism? The PLO is terrorism and nothing but terrorism. The point is Washington's policy makers do not connect things; they sort of see one thing at a time. They see their hostages in Iran; they do not see that all that went before contributed to the taking of those hostages. Who started

might work for us. There is a line from your great N.H poet Robert Frost in his poem "Provide, provide" in which he gives the following advice, "What worked for them might work for you." People, including terrorists, learn by example.

Yes, the U.S. hasn't suffered much yet but if crime is seen to pay, then criminals (terrorists) will be

encouraged. If terrorism is a successful political tactic, what conceivable reason will people have for abstaining from it? When Arafat, the architect of a thousand crimes was applauded by people in the U.N. and then even the United States proceeds to explain away, to justify what they do — what can you expect?

FRANKLY SPEAKING

By Dr. Hyman S. Frank

Parallels Of History
This is the public statement that President Benes of Czechoslovakia made

"We relied upon the help that our friends might have given us;

If the Israelis would be foolish enough to bend under world pressure — to recognize the PLO, to allow a Palestinian state, to "rectify" frontiers at Gaza and Golan as they did at the Sinai, with all the heavy risks involved in returning to the '67 borders, even internationalizing Jerusalem — she would have a

Marxist bastion on the border between Israel and

feudal Jordan and how long would it take before subversion would topple the Hashemite kingdom of Hussein and eventually Saudi Arabia (the latter would be caught in a pincer between South Yemen, already a Soviet satellite, and the Marxist Palestinians). But, just like in the post Munich euphoria, when millions were duped into believing that they had achieved "peace in our time," all this scenario would only be a temporary stage for destruction of the Israeli State as well as giving Red Atheist Russia a firm foothold in the oil-rich Middle East. In 1938 they shouted themselves

for the Prime Minister Chamberlain." Queen Mary, a symbol of self control, wept without restraint as did the Duchess of Kent and Mrs. Chamberlain. From all sides there was impetuous cheering. Men crossed the floor of the House of Commons in tears and with unrestrained emotion grasped Chamberlain's hands in gratitude. But one of the few members of Commons not overcome by the moment was Winston Churchill. The old bulldog was heard to mutter bitterly, "And what about Czechoslovakia? Does no one think of their opinion?" For he was one of the few who saw what Hitler's next move would be; having been given the Sudetenland by pure power of bluff it was not long before he created Slovakian independence (The Catholic priest, Tiso, became its antisemitic leader) and trampled Moravia and Bohemia into the dust and marched into Prague. Immediately, white-stockinged Sudeten Germans marched through Wenceslas Square, carrying Nazi banners and shouting "Sieg Heil! Sieg Heil!" followed by Fascist Czech collaborators waving the Czech tricolor. As Hitler sat in the Hradczen Palace, he was informed that despite his repudiation of the Munich pact, neither France nor England had mobilized. "I knew it," he said and made a prediction "In fourteen days no one will talk about it anymore." Already pro-Nazi Czechs were coursing through Prague's streets marking Jewish shops in large colored letters "Jid" or "Jude."

There is however one difference between Israel and Czechoslovakia. We Jews have a mission with destiny. We have been given a chosen Land because we are a chosen people. And the pressures and advice and the propaganda and the oil weapon and inflation and withdrawal of moral, economic and military support will not alter the inexorable will of Israel to live. They will not get their foothold; Moscow will not sit on the Middle East oil route; there will be no salami tactics in Israel as there were in the 1938 Hitlerian period.

Should all else fail, we have our Protector who defies strategy, tactics and military logistics. We say it every morning in our prayers, "The Eternal answers thee in the day of need; the name of the G-d of Jacob protects thee — from Zion he sustains thee. The Eternal aids His anointed, answering him from the heaven of His sanctity with the potent triumphs of His right hand. Some rely on chariots others on their steeds (tanks, airplanes, cavalry, infantry!) but we invoke the name of the Eternal, our G-d. They are bowed down and fall while we remain standing and are upheld O Eternal! save O King, answer us on the day we do call."

It is no secret that Israel's forces are strong and that they have a nuclear potential. We pray that this dread weapon never be used; but, after the Holocaust, Jews shall never again be led submissively to a slaughter. An end, even with terror, is better than terror without end.

who can America rely on ?

AMERICANISM AND ZIONISM are political creeds that share a common belief which is stated in our American Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable (spelled with u) rights."

The American and Zionist movements have not reached all governments. Below is a list of governments who do not believe all men are created equal nor that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. They fight against Americanism and Zionism.

These governments treat their citizens as criminals, and the politicians become wealthy while their citizens live in poverty or starve.

Most of our United States aid to these governments goes into the pockets of these corrupt politicians and only a trickle of aid reaches the starving masses.

The oppressed people in these nations know this. For this reason they call our American government "imperialistic". By this they mean our government helps the imperialists and neglects the needs of the hungry and poor of the world.

LIST OF GOVERNMENTS WHO ARE ENEMIES OF AMERICANISM AND ZIONISM:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussia, Cameroon, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, East Germany, Egypt, Gabon, Guines, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Soviet Union, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Southern Yemen, and Yugoslavia.

All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.

—DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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Freedom in the Arab World

It is so easy to denounce Zionism and damn Israel. However, more important than that simple task is to call for a measure of freedom for the Arab people in the Arab countries.

The whole Arab world is similar to a huge prison wherein the individuals are frightened from their governments and wherein the governments have no regard for the people or the public opinion.

Political opposition is brutally suppressed in most Arab countries. In Iraq, the president executes his minister of health with no trials. In Saudi Arabia suppression of the opposition takes different dimensions. In Syria one quarter of an ancient city is demolished for political reasons. Freedom of the individual is brutally suppressed in Libya and Morocco. In Egypt the Coptic Pope H. Shenoudah the 2nd has been banished in violation of the religious rights of millions of Egyptian citizens.

Is it in order for us to expose and oppose such Arab intolerant behaviors and thereby spread our dirty linens in public?

We believe that our commitment to the human rights of the individual is paramount and it is in order for us to criticize the various Arab regimes in the interest of freedom for the Arab people.

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Executive Editor

"Strategic Cooperation"

What's In It For The U.S.?

President Reagan and Prime Minister Shamir announced, on Nov. 29, a decision to lay the groundwork for enhanced strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel. But Arabist critics are now campaigning against the agreement, asserting that it serves only the interests of Israel, not those of the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The American people, unlike the Arabists who purport to speak for them, have an intuitive understanding that Israel is our most stable, reliable and powerful ally in the Middle East. An authoritative Penn and Schoen 1982 poll revealed that, by margins of almost two-to-one, they regard Israel as a more reliable ally than either Saudi Arabia or Egypt. They also believe that if our interests were attacked in the Middle East, Israel would be more likely to fight on our side than Saudi Arabia (44%-12%) or Egypt (44%-21%).

This intuition that Israel is the one country in the Middle East "we can count on" is borne out by a more detailed examination of the potential advantages the United States could gain from working with Israel.

General Strategic Advantages

Israel is our *strongest* ally in the eastern Mediterranean basin and the Middle East, where it is the dominant air and naval power today. Its Air Force has an estimated 12 times the air combat capability of a U.S. aircraft carrier, and 20 times the air attack capability. Its Defense Forces have defeated the Syrians in four wars. Working with Israel, we can add enormously to our deterrent strength to prevent war.

Israel is also our most *reliable* ally in the region, stable of government and stable of purpose. Its own interests would be adversely affected if the Soviet Union and Soviet-allied forces became the dominant powers in the region. It shares with the United States a desire to prevent radical Arab aggression from succeeding against moderate Arab regimes, as it demonstrated in 1970 when it helped to prevent a Syrian attack on Jordan. It is an ally whose own people *want* a close strategic relationship with the United States (unlike most of the Arab countries, where anti-Western sentiment is virulent).

A third geostrategic advantage is Israel's important *location* in the Middle East heartland midway between Europe and the Persian Gulf. Arrangements in Israel, such as the prepositioning of U.S. military stores and equipment, could affect our readiness and deterrent capability in the Mediterranean and in NATO, as well as the Persian Gulf. It is the ideal location for a "swing" capability to go in either direc-

tion—and this could be an important advantage, given our weaknesses in both theaters.

Advantages for Peace

U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation will enhance the prospects for peace by reducing the incentives to go to war. Potential aggressors must be convinced that force cannot gain their objectives, and that only the conference table offers any hope of progress. Closer defense cooperation between the United States and Israel will serve the peace process by creating incentives to negotiate, rather than to fight over, differences.

Advantages in Lebanon

Cooperation with Israel in Lebanon will strengthen the United States in the areas of intelligence, early warning, logistics, and readiness. It will promote stability by helping to convince the Syrians and their allies that continued aggression and rejectionism will be resisted. It will advance the reconciliation process by convincing the factions allied with Syria to strike a deal at the conference table. At the same time, it can help the Lebanese government to extend its authority to wider areas beyond Beirut, enhancing its credibility and legitimacy. In the wider arena, it may help to persuade the Soviet Union not to encourage further Syrian adventurism in Lebanon, with all its attendant risks of escalation.

While U.S.-Israel cooperation is not a panacea for all the ills of Lebanon, it can be an important step in creating conditions under which stability can be restored and the U.S. Marines can come home.

Advantages in Jordan

King Hussein is worried that the pattern of Syrian actions in Lebanon—promotion of civil strife combined with direct intervention—could be followed in Jordan. His majority Palestinian population could be encouraged and armed by the Syrians and the Syrian-controlled PLO to rise against the Hashemite Kingdom. Upheaval in Jordan could be followed by Syrian ground force intervention accompanied by air attacks.

Hussein faced a similar scenario in 1970, when he learned first-hand the value of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation. Circumstances could arise in the future in which the United States would find it difficult to

f. No other country of the region has either the modern medical capability or the surplus capacity to provide quality medical care on a substantial scale. The facilities could also be used in the event of a Mediterranean or European conflict.

provide necessary aid to Jordan, unless the United States and Israel can work together.

NEAR EAST REPORT

DECEMBER 16, 1983

The Persian Gulf

Israel provides a stable place for the pre-positioning of U.S. equipment, ammunition, and fuel that might be required if the Rapid Deployment Force had to be employed in defense of Persian Gulf oil. The Gulf Arab countries are themselves reluctant to provide the necessary facilities. Israel is much closer than Diego Garcia (1,200 compared to 3,000 miles), and stocks prepositioned in Israel could be used in Europe as well.

Another form of Israeli support to the U.S. armed forces would be an agreement to use Israeli hospitals and prepositioning sites for "folding" or temporary U.S. medical equipment. In this way Israel could provide high-quality medical care on the large scale that would be required if a high-intensity conflict involved U.S. forces in

The Eastern Mediterranean

Israel is a Mediterranean as well as a Middle Eastern country and has a more capable Air Force and Navy than either Turkey or Greece. Its high quality ports and airfields could provide an alternative to other countries which might deny U.S. access. Its Navy could, with certain improvements, aid the United States in defense against Soviet submarines, and U.S. anti-submarine aircraft capability could be enhanced if American P-3C aircraft were operated out of Israeli airfields.

In addition, Israel can help the United States to protect vital air- and sea-lines of communication. For example, American airlift and sealift vessels could be vulnerable to hostile action in a crisis. Former Prime Minister Begin offered Israeli assistance to defend these craft in certain contingencies.

Overall, U.S.-Israeli cooperation can help to counter the growing capability of Soviet and Soviet-allied forces and preserve the balance of power in a region where threats to American interests have grown. □



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Resurrection of Israel

By JOSEPH S. WRIGHT

Why is the war against Israel so difficult to end? Israel is in an isthmus connecting the Europe-Asia continent with Africa. Egyptians cannot travel to Syria without passing through Israel. Passage through Arabia would require travel through difficult mountains. The passes in the Sinai desert lead through Israel and not Arabia. All land commerce, moving between Europe-Asia continent and Africa must pass through Israel.



belongs to other nations. For this reason, it is imperative that educated people have an understanding of the historic background of the Holy Land.

In every generation, the most powerful nation in the mideast set out to conquer and occupy it. The people who live in the Holy Land have been independent for only 5 percent of the time in the last two-and-a-half thousand years. These forces can be described as geo-political. They are at work today, causing powerful nations about Israel to covet the land.

Many nations occupied Israel. When the Christian era started, the Holy Land was known as Judah, Samaria and Galilee. In an effort to destroy the Jewish nation and all the memory of its history, the Romans changed the names, choosing Palestine which they derived from Philistine.

The land itself is marginal. Rain is unpredictable and droughts are many. It lies in the middle of a vast arc of desert which begins on the Atlantic Ocean, crosses north Africa (Sahara desert) and goes deep into Asia (Gobi desert). As a result of these natural conditions, agriculture is difficult. Human neglect quickly reduces the land to a barren waste.

The Roman Emperor Constantine abandoned Italy and established a new capital city on the site of an old Greek town, Byzantium, and renamed it Constantinople. Emperor Theodosius was the last emperor to govern both the east and west parts of the Roman empire. When he died in 395, his son Honoriouss became the emperor of the western Roman Empire and his son Arcadius became the emperor of the eastern part of the Roman Empire.

So, in 395, Israel became a province of the Byzantine empire and occupied by Byzantine soldiers. This occupation lasted over two hundred years to 636.

Southeast of Israel is a very large peninsula, Arabia.

Here an Arab, Mohammed, became a prophet and produced a new religion, Mohammedanism. In 638, Mohammedan Arabs marched out of Arabia and occupied Jerusalem. This occupation lasted 435 years, when the Arabs were driven out by the Seljuks, an Asiatic people living on the frontier of China. The Seljuks who had been converted to Mohammedanism also attacked the eastern Christians and defeated the Byzantine Emperor Diogenes.

The eastern Christians appealed to the western Christians for help. The western European Christian governments responded to this appeal and organized crusades to drive the Mohammedans out of the Holy City. In 1099, the crusaders drove out the Seljuks and entered Jerusalem.

Then a group of slaves, called "mamluks," by intrigue and murder, seized the government of Egypt and chose one of their members to be the king. These Mamluk kings led their Mohammedan armies out of the Nile valley and attacked the European crusaders. In 1291, the Egyptians occupied the Holy Land.

This occupation lasted 300 years.

In 1517, Turkey, a European-Asiatic Mohammedan nation defeated the Egyptians and occupied the Holy Land. This occupation lasted 490 years.

In World I which began in 1914, Turkey joined Germany. At the end of the war, Turkey lost its empire, and the Holy Land and Sinai came under the authority of the League of Nations, which chose England to administer the Holy Land and Egypt to administer the Sinai desert.

In May 1923, the British government recommended to the League of Nations that the people on the east bank of the Jordan river be made subject to a king. The League of Nations rejected this recommendation.

In 1927, Britain recommended to the League of Nations that the territory west of the Jordan river be established as an independent nation as a refuge for Jews when they are persecuted in any nation.

After World War II, the United Nations agreed to permit the people living on the west bank of the Jordan river to establish their own sovereign and independent nation. In November 1947, the United Nations declared Israel to be an independent nation. On May 15, 1948, the authority of the U.N. ended in Israel.

As soon as Britain withdrew its military forces from the Holy Land, in May 1948, the neighboring nations, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Arabia sent armies to attack the new nation and occupy the land.

ISRAEL: 1918 to present

In 1918, when Germany and Turkey were defeated in World War I, the Holy Land and the Sinai desert which were occupied by Turkey, were occupied by the armies of the League of Nations. Egypt was chosen to administer the occupied Sinai for the League of Nations, and Great Britain the Holy Land and the land east of the Jordan River which the Turks called Palestine.

In 1923, the British government recommended to the League of Nations that Palestine (the land east of the Jordan River) be given to Emir Abdullah ibn-Hussein. The League of Nations rejected this recommendation. The British government rejected the decision of the League and illegally appointed Hussein, King of Palestine. The British called his kingdom, "Jordan". Because the people did not support Hussein, the British government paid all the expenses for his kingdom. To protect the King from the people of Jordan, the British paid and trained an army.

In 1927, the British government recommended to the League of Nations that the Holy Land (the land west of the Jordan River), be made an independent nation with special relations to the Jewish people. But the League did not act on this recommendation.

In World War II, the League was dissolved and replaced by the United Nations. British armies occupied the Holy Land. In 1947, the United Nations declared that if the people who live in the Holy Land organize their own government, the British armies who occupied the land would be withdrawn.

The people of the Holy Land immediately produced a Constitution, named their nation Israel, and began governing themselves. With the establishment of Israel, the people of the land had a sovereign, independent government for the first time in over 2,000 years. On May 15th, 1948, the authority of the United Nations ended. The United States, Russia and most of the nations of the United Nations immediately recognized Israel as a sovereign nation.

But the neighboring nations, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Arabia sent their armies to invade Israel, destroy the nation, and kill all the Israelis by "driving them into the sea!"

This invasion was denounced by the United Nations, especially by the United States and Russia.

The Egyptian armies came out of the Nile Valley, crossed the Sinai desert which was under the occupation of the United Nations, and attacked Israel from the south. The illegal King of Jordan led his British paid and trained army across the Jordan River and attacked Israel from the east. King Hussein occupied Judah, Samaria and the old city of Jerusalem. The Egyptian army occupied the Gaza strip.

In 1949, the Israeli army stopped the invasion. Nineteen years later, in 1967, the Israeli army liberated Gaza and the Sinai desert from Egyptian occupation, and liberated Jerusalem, Judah and Samaria from the Hussein occupation.

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A Letter to the World from Jerusalem

I am not a creature from another planet, as you seem to believe. I am a Jerusalemite—like yourselves, a man of flesh and blood. I am a citizen of my city, an integral part of my people.

I have a few things to get off my chest. Because I am not a diplomat, I do not have to mince words. I do not have to please you, or even persuade you. I owe you nothing. You did not build this city; you did not live in it; you did not defend it when they came to destroy it. And we will be damned if we will let you take it away.

There was a Jerusalem before there was a New York. When Berlin, Moscow, London and Paris were miasmal forest and swamp, there was a thriving Jewish community here. It gave something to the world which you nations have rejected ever since you established yourselves—a humane moral code.

Here the prophets walked, their words flashing like forked lightning. Here a people wanted nothing more than to be left alone, fought off waves of heathen would-be conquerors, bled and died on the battlements, hurled themselves into the flames of their burning Temple rather than surrender, and when finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and led away into captivity, swore that before they forgot Jerusalem, they would see their tongues cleave to their palates, their right arm wither.

For two pain filled millenia, while we were your unwelcome guests, we prayed daily to return to this city. Three times a day we petitioned the Almighty; "Gather us from the four corners of the world, bring us upright to our land; return in mercy to Jerusalem, Thy city, and dwell in it as Thou promised."

On every Yom Kippur and Passover we fervently voiced the hope that next year would find us in Jerusalem. Your inquisitions, pogroms, expulsions, the ghettos into which you jammed us, your forced baptisms, your quota systems, your genteel anti-Semitism, and the final unspeakable horror, the holocaust (and worse, your terrifying disinterest in it)—all these have not broken us. They may have sapped what little moral strength you still possessed, but they forged us into steel. Do you think that you can break us now, after all we have been through? Do you really believe that after Dachau and Auschwitz we are frightened by your threats of blockades and sanctions? We have been to Hell and back—a Hell of your making. What more could you possibly have in your arsenal that could scare us?

I have watched this city bombarded twice by nations calling themselves civilized. In 1948, while you looked on apathetically, I saw women and children blown to smithereens, this after we had agreed to your request to internationalize the city. It was a deadly combination that did the job: British officers, Arab gunners and American-made cannon.

And then the savage sacking of the Old City: the wilful slaughter, the wanton destruction of every synagogue and religious school; the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the sale by a ghoulish government of tomb stones for building materials, for poultry runs, army camps—even latrines.

And you never said a word.

You never breathed the slightest protest when the Jordanians shut off the holiest of our holy places, the Western Wall, in violation of the pledges they had made after the war—a war they waged incidentally, against a decision of the UN. Not a murmur came from you whenever the legionnaires in their spiked helmets casually opened fire upon our citizens from behind the walls.

Your hearts bled when Berlin came under siege. You rushed your airlift "to save the gallant Berliners." But you did not send one ounce of food when Jews starved in besieged Jerusalem. You thundered against the wall which the East Germans ran through the middle of the German capital—but not one peep-out of you about that other wall, the one that tore through the heart of Jerusalem.

And when the same thing happened 20 years later, and the Arabs unleashed a savage, unprovoked bombardment of the Holy City again, did any of you do anything? The only time you came to life was when the city was at last re-united. Then you wrung your hands and spoke loftily of "justice" and the need for the "Christian" quality of turning the other cheek.

The truth is—and you know it deep inside your gut—you would prefer the city to be destroyed rather than have it governed by Jews. No matter how diplomatically you phrase it, the age old prejudices seep out of every word.

For the first time since the year 70 there is now complete religious freedom for all in Jerusalem. For the first time since the Romans put the torch to the Temple everyone has equal rights. (You preferred to have some more equal than others.) We loathe the sword—but it was you who forced us to take it up. We crave peace—but we are not going back to the peace of 1948 as you would like us to.

We are home. It has a lovely sound for a nation you have willed to wander over the face of the globe. We are not leaving. We have redeemed the pledge made by our forefathers: Jerusalem is being rebuilt. "Next year"—and the year after and after, and after, until the end of time—"in Jerusalem!"

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"Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem: they shall
prosper that love thee."
Psalm 122:6



JERUSALEM

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MIDEAST HAVE DECLARED WAR AGAINST THE U.S.A.

Jihad means war!

One fundamental fact must be understood by our President, our State and War Departments, and our Senators and Congressmen:--putting the latest and best military equipment into the hands of our enemies does not convert them into friends. It brings war closer and makes them more confident that they can destroy us!

No government in a jihad against the United States has ever been converted by arming it! Our President, our State and Defense Departments know that the nations they are arming in the Mideast are in a jihad against the United States.

If they do not know this, they are in a position to find out the truth. Jihad means war! The governments in a jihad against the United States are our enemies!

These same governments are not in a jihad against Russia. They declare publically that Russia is a friend and ally.

The present policies of the Administration of our government are on a suicidal track.

We have only one friend and ally in the Mideast. It is the State of Israel.

The governments in a jihad against the United States killed our Marines. They threw our government out of Lebanon. Except for taking the armament our government gives and sells them, they show no signs of friendship. They show no signs they want peace. They show many signs of enmity and that they want war!

Every Mideast government (except Israel) has constantly denied that they are friends or allies of the United States. We must believe what they say. All the propaganda coming from the American Administration that these nations who are in a jihad against the United States are our friends and allies is false.

The results of our confused policies in the Mideast have endangered the existence of Israel, our only friend and ally in the Mideast. The United States has armed all of Israel's enemies. It has brought the next world war much closer.

Many religious leaders tell us that the most destructive world war will start in the Mideast (Armageddon).

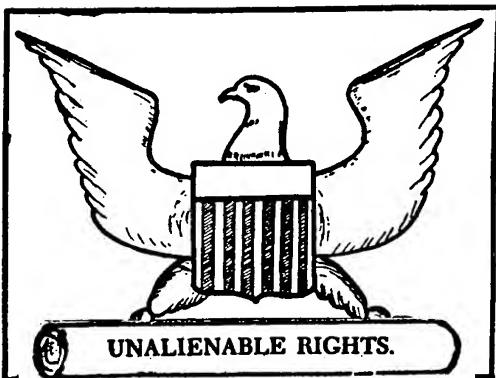
Let us do something for peace in our time, for the peace of our generation. Let us do something to prevent nuclear bombs and poison gas from spreading over our world!

Peace can come only through unity. There is no other way! Let all people of all nations and religions unite with each other. In this unity, we must not forget that all people of all nations and all religions must also unite with Jews.

History proves, and the prophets in the Holy Bible promise, that only when all the people of the world are united with Jews, then there will be peace. Christians must remember that they worship a Jew (Jesus); and Mohammedans must remember that they worship the God of the Jews, the God of Abraham. This is the only way to prevent Armageddon.

Unalienable Rights are the foundation of our Declaration of Independence and Americanism. Let us proclaim May 1st, International Unalienable Rights Day and call directly to all people of the world to unite!

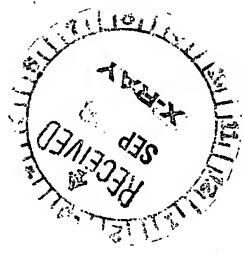
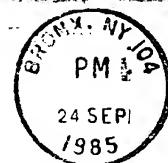
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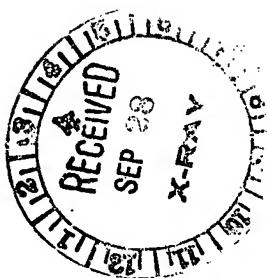
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with certain unalienable rights.
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